

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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"Success is not forever and failure isn't fatal?"

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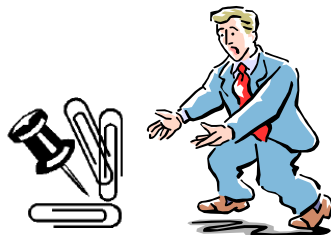


Unsafe Driving in KSC Parking Lots – A True Story

A KSC employee e-mailed us about an unsafe driving act she observed recently and wondered what could be done about it. One morning, as she was driving into the O&C parking lot and making a turn into one of the parking lot rows, a jeep driving the wrong direction in the parking lot almost ran into her. It appeared that the driver saw an empty spot a few spaces from the end of the row and, instead of driving down the row to exit the parking lot and then returning correctly, they drove the shorter distance down the wrong way of the parking lot row. According to Renee Allen, SGS Security, Florida law statue 316.074 Obedience to and required traffic control device states that drivers shall obey the instruction of any official traffic control device applicable thereto, placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. **What this means it that it is illegal to drive against the direction of parking lot arrows.** This type of risky behavior not only places employees in danger, but can be accompanied with fines of up to \$93. Employees who observe this type of driving are encouraged to discuss with the drivers the dangers of their behavior and the risks it creates for our employees.

(Call Renee Allen, SGS Security, at 853-5246 for more information)

Floor Debris Can Cause Problems



Paperclips, spilled coffee, and thumbtacks..... what do they have in common? When left on the floor they can all cause slips and injuries to employees. But did you know that thumbtacks can also cause problems for employees in

wheelchairs by going into their tires and puncturing the inner tube. Such a puncture could make the chair inoperable and cost the owner money for repairs; but also, it would inconvenience them by taking the wheelchair in for repair. This actually happened to a KSC employee recently when he rolled over a thumbtack on the floor and punctured one of his wheelchair tires. We are all conscious of wiping up spilled water and coffee and picking up paperclips; but the next time you see a thumbtack on the floor, remember this problem and take a second to pick it up. You could save someone from injury or the inconvenience of taking time off to have a tire repaired.

(Thanks to QA-A for submitting this Safety article)



Do you have questions, comments, or an article you would like to submit? Contact Alan at 867-7554, fax number 867-1120, mail code TA-C1 or e-mail him at "Safety on the Line" found in your global address list. Safety on the Line is also on the Web. Go to the KSC home page, then click on KSC internal page, then find us under NASA/KSC news.